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TO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CORRUPTION RUMORS REGARDING SUDAN AMBASSADOR
TO U.S.

REF: KHARTOUM 1370

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS NO EVIDENCE THAT WOULD CONFIRM
THAT AMBASSADOR EISSA IS INVOLVED IN ANY CORRUPT BUSINESS
PRACTICES. WE CONCUR IN THE EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF
EISSA'S LIMITED QUALIFICATIONS FOR HIS POSITION, BUT
CAN OBSERVE ONLY THAT EISSA DEVOTES CONSIDERABLE TIME TO
INVESTMENT AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES RELATING TO SUDAN,
WHILE DISPLAYING ONLY MINIMAL INTEREST IN THE POLITICAL
RESPONSIBILITIES OF HIS POSITION.

2. RE SUDANESE CULTURAL ATTACHE AL BASHER EL TAYEB, A
DISCREET INQUIRY WITH THE SUDANESE EMBASSY REVEALED THAT
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EL TAYEB IS CURRENTLY IN KHARTOUM ON LEAVE AND THAT HE
IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON APRIL 10. FOR WHAT
ITS WORTH, EMBASSY CONTACT, IN APPARENTLY GUILELESS
RESPONSE, NOTED THAT IF THERE ARE ANY SIGNIFICANT MATTERS
IN THE CULTURAL AREA, IT WOULD BE BEST TO AWAIT EL
TAYEB'S RETURN RATHER THAN CONFFOUND HIS INEXPERIENCED
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